

My name is Karina Umehara. I am writing to comment on FAA-2003-14830. The island is being choked by the very hand it relies on to feed them. With hundred of tour buses, cruise ships, and helicopters hauling tourists around to see our beautiful islands, there has been a horrible price that nature has had to pay as a result. Preventing the overflight of helicopter tours is necessary for a number of reasons. Noise is bothersome to not only the locals wishing to enjoy their island, but more importantly, the native species that have inhabited the island long before we got here and started taking helicopter tours. These native species are being disturbed to a more annoying degree than the locals. The helicopters should not be allowed to fly low, especially into raw terrain. Helicopter related deaths are also a concern. Overall I believe that some places are not meant to be disturbed. It makes no sense to fly an obnoxiously loud helicopter in an effort to show tourists the serenity to be found in an uninhabited and relatively "undisturbed" environment. There is no room for tourism when native species are at stake.